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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-17. (Canceled).

18. (Currently Amended) A cooking chamber assembly for a microwave oven, comprising:

a case having a cooking chamber formed therein and an opening formed in a front portion thereof; and

an air duct fixed directly to an upper inside portion of the case by at least one hook, having a bottom surface which forms an upper surface of the cooking chamber, wherein the air duct is configured to form a continuous air circulation passage between an outfit chamber of the microwave oven and the cooking chamber, wherein the air duct comprises a panel which forms a ceiling surface of the cooking chamber, a plurality of walls extending from outer edges of the panel, a plurality of apertures configured to allow air to pass therethrough, and at least one elastic hook extending upward from at least one of the plurality of walls, and wherein the case includes at least one insertion hole formed in an upper portion thereof, wherein the at least one

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insertion hole is configured to receive and to engage the at least one hook, and the air duct further comprises a plurality of projections which each project outward from a rear wall of a plurality of walls, and wherein the case further comprises a plurality of holes formed in an inner rear wall thereof, wherein each of the plurality of holes is configured to receive and hold a corresponding projection.

19. (Canceled).

20. (Currently Amended) The cooking chamber assembly as claimed in claim 19 claim 18, wherein the at least one hook is provided on a front wall of the plurality of walls, and wherein the front wall is adjacent to the opening.

21. (Previously Presented) The cooking chamber assembly as claimed in claim 20, wherein the air duct further comprises a flange which extends horizontally forward from an upper portion of the front wall.

22. (Canceled).

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23. (Previously Presented) The cooking chamber assembly as claimed in claim 21, wherein the at least one hook comprises:

an elastic body portion configured to extend upward from one of the plurality of walls; and

a wedge shaped head, wherein a predetermined gap is formed between a lower surface of the head and an upper surface of the flange.

24. (Previously Presented) The cooking chamber assembly as claimed in claim 23, wherein the gap is less than or equal to a thickness of a portion of the case where the at least one insertion hole is formed.

25. (Previously Presented) The cooking chamber assembly as claimed in claim 24, wherein the case includes a bracket provided on an upper surface of an inner portion of the case, wherein the at least one insertion hole is formed in a portion of the bracket.

26-31. (Canceled).

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32. (Previously Presented) The cooking chamber assembly as claimed in claim 21, wherein an upper portion of the at least one elastic hook is configured to extend beyond an upper surface of the flange.

33. (Previously Presented) The cooking chamber assembly as claimed in claim 23, further comprising at least one cutaway portion formed in the front wall.

34. (Previously Presented) The cooking chamber assembly as claimed in claim 33, wherein the at least one elastic hook is formed extending from the front wall.

35. (Previously Presented) The cooking chamber assembly as claimed in claim 34, wherein the elastic body portion of the at least one elastic hook is configured to flex within a corresponding cutaway portion formed in the front wall.

36. (Previously Presented) The cooking chamber assembly as claimed in claim 23, wherein a dimension of the cutaway portion formed in the front wall is based on a corresponding dimension of the at least one elastic hook.

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37. (Previously Presented) The cooking chamber assembly as claimed in claim 23, wherein the wedge shaped head is configured to extend beyond an upper surface of the flange.

38. (New) A cooking chamber assembly for a microwave oven, comprising:
a case having a cooking chamber formed therein;
an air duct fitted to an upper inside portion of the case and having a bottom surface which forms an upper surface of the cooking chamber;
at least one insertion hole formed in an upper portion of the case;
at least one hook extended upward from the air duct, and configured to engage the at least one insertion hole;
at least one hole formed in a rear portion of the case; and
at least one projection projected outward from a rear portion of the air duct, and configured to engage the at least one projection.

39. (New) The cooking chamber assembly as claimed in claim 38, wherein the air duct is configured to form an air circulation passage between an outfit chamber of the microwave oven and the cooking chamber.

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40. (New) The cooking chamber assembly as claimed in claim 38, wherein the at least one hook is extended upward from a front portion of the air duct.

41. (New) The cooking chamber assembly as claimed in claim 38, wherein the air duct comprises:

- a panel configured to form the bottom surface thereof;
- a plurality of walls extending from outer edges of the panel; and
- a plurality of apertures configured to allow passage of air therethrough.

42. (New) The cooking chamber assembly as claimed in claim 38, wherein the case includes a bracket provided on an upper surface of an inner portion of the case, wherein the at least one insertion hole is formed in a portion of the bracket.